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UM COT OFFERS CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer two courses this summer for those interested in becoming certified nursing assistants.

The COT will provide training in the growing CNA profession during courses in August and September through its work force development program.

CNA positions are frequently available statewide at hospitals, nursing facilities, home health care agencies, hospices, clinics and more. CNAs provide basic nursing care such as bathing, dressing, documenting and reporting the general well-being of the patient. No academic prerequisites are required.

Students will receive 100 hours of state-approved instruction in a curriculum that includes CPR, first aid training and preparation for the state certification exam. Classroom and clinical hours will provide the necessary information and skills for hospice, home-care, acute-care and long-term care settings.

The cost of the training is \$800 and includes textbooks, supplies and state exam fees. Students who are hired within a year by a Medicare/Medicaid-approved facility, however, will

have their training fees fully reimbursed. Students are responsible for providing a background check, scrubs and immunization records.

The course will be offered the following dates and times:

- **Aug. 4-20** at the Valley View Estates Health Care Center in **Hamilton**. Classes will meet Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sept. 8-Oct. 17** at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center in **Stevensville**. The first session will meet Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further classes will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Skilled CNAs are valued for their desire to help people and their patience, tact and honesty.

For more information and to register, call the Outreach and Workforce Program at 406-243-7812. The program is online at <http://www.cte.umt.edu/Outreach>.

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